

FRANK R. PORTER is a veteran railroad man who has railroaded all over the West, and for the past fifteen years has been the representative of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railway at Helper. That community thinks a great deal of Mr. Porter, and among other honors has conferred upon him the responsibilities of mayor of the town.

He was born at Owatonna, Minnesota, July 1, 1880, a son of R. A. and Mary Jane (Anderson) Porter. His father was also in the railway service for many years.

Mr. Porter was educated in public schools in South Dakota, finished the high school course and in 1898, at the age of eighteen, began his career as a mining man and railroad worker. He spent three years in the Black Hills district of South Dakota, and in 1901 entered the service of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway at Huron, South Dakota. He has been with the Denver & Rio Grande Western since 1904, at first at Alamosa, Colorado, in 1906 was transferred to Salt Lake City, and in 1915 to Helper, Utah.

Mr. Porter was elected mayor of the city in 1926, and so satisfactory has been his administration of local affairs that he is now by virtue of the votes of the people serving his fourth term. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers and is affiliated with Price Lodge No. 1550, B. P. O. Elks, of which he is a trustee. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce and member of the board of directors in this organization, and a member of the Carbon County Emergency Relief, acting as one of the contact committee. He was appointed by the Hon. George H. Dern, governor of Utah, as one of the committee to do all in their power to avert the threatened break in the Scofield Dam and make it safe for the future. This was done, Mr. Porter having served on this committee from June, 1928, to August, 1929. Mr. Porter married in 1908 Ethel Selman, of Payson, Utah. They have one daughter, Maxine.